

## READ BOOKS ABOUT MONEY

ACTIVITY  
145

**Supplies:** Library books about money

Reserve a set of books about money from your library. Enjoy reading the books together.

- *Benny's Pennies*, by Pat Brisson
- *Bunny Money*, by Rosemary Wells
- *Just a Piggy Bank*, by Gina and Mercer Mayer
- *Follow the Money!* by Loreen Leedy
- *You Can't Buy a Dinosaur with a Dime*, by Harriet Ziefert
- *A Chair for My Mother*, by Vera B. Williams

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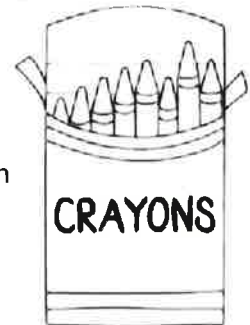
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## CRAYON RUBBINGS

ACTIVITY  
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**Supplies:** one of each coin, crayons, paper

Place a piece of paper over a coin and show your child how to use a peeled crayon to make a rubbing. Have your child make a rubbing of the front and back of each coin. Notice how the coins are the same and different. Match real coins to the crayon rubbings.



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## SORT COINS

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**Supplies:** a cup of coins

Invite your child to sort the coins by type into different containers.



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## ROLL & FILL A BANK

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**Supplies:** child's bank, die, coins

Have your child roll a die, identify the number of dots, and put that many coins in the bank. Keep going until the pile of coins is gone.

You could challenge your child to estimate how many times s/he will have to roll the die before all the coins are used up. Keep track using marks on a piece of paper.



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## PLAY STORE

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149

**Supplies:** toys, index cards, pennies, tape, toy wallet or purse

Choose a number of toys to include in your "store." For each item, decide on how many pennies it will cost. Tape that number of pennies to a card, and place it in front of the toy as a price tag. Your child can purchase toys by counting the pennies on the tag and giving you the same amount from a toy wallet or purse.

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## COIN PATTERNS

ACTIVITY  
150

**Supplies:** coins

Challenge your child to create and/or extend patterns with coins. Start simple and move to more complex patterns.

Simple: AB (penny, nickel, penny, nickel, etc.)  
More complex: ABB, AAB, ABC, etc.



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# HOW TO TEACH Addition & Subtraction



## About this skill

Addition and subtraction are advanced skills and not necessary for children to learn in preschool. However, some children are ready and excited to learn. I recommend waiting until your child has both a strong counting ability and a strong understanding of more/less before introducing addition and subtraction.

The key concepts are that addition involves combining sets, and subtraction involves taking away from a set OR counting the difference between the total number in two sets.

Addition is the easier concept and should be taught first. When children first learn addition, they typically count all the objects in both sets, one by one. Eventually they learn to count on from the amount in the first set.

## What your learner needs to know

Your child does not need to know addition or subtraction before kindergarten. However, if your child is ready, try the playful activities on the following page.

## Beyond the basics

If your child is ready and interested, start teaching basic addition facts. Please do not take this step unless your child is truly excited about it; most preschoolers will not be, even if they love math.

## READ BOOKS ABOUT ADDITION

ACTIVITY  
151

**Supplies:** Library books about addition

Reserve a set of books about addition from your library. Enjoy reading the books together.

- *What's New at the Zoo?* by Suzanne Black
- *One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab*, by April Pulley Sayre
- *Animals on Board*, by Stuart Murphy
- *Quack and Count*, by Keith Baker
- *Five Silly Fishermen*, by Roberta Edwards
- *Five Fat Frogs on a Skinny Log*, by Sara Riches

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## READ BOOKS ABOUT SUBTRACTION

ACTIVITY  
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**Supplies:** Library books about subtraction

Reserve a set of books about subtraction from your library. Enjoy reading the books together.

- *Monster Musical Chairs*, by Stuart J. Murphy
- *Ten Sly Piranhas*, by William Wise
- *Elevator Magic*, by Stuart J. Murphy
- *How Many Blue Birds Flew Away?* by Paul Giganti, Jr.
- *Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons*, by Eric Litwin

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## TELL A STORY

ACTIVITY  
153

**Supplies:** toy manipulatives, paper, marker

Tell a story using toys, and show your child how to make an addition or subtraction sentence to present what happened.

For example: The zookeeper left the gate open, and some animals escaped! First, one tiger escaped. Then two more tigers escaped. How many total tigers escaped? We write that this way:  $1+2=3$ .

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## GOLDFISH ADDITION\*

ACTIVITY  
154

**Supplies:** paper and marker (or printable, p. 108), colorful goldfish crackers

Draw a large goldfish bowl on a piece of paper (or use the printable, p. 108). Give your child a bowl of colorful goldfish, and tell him/her how many of each color to put on the goldfish bowl. Then add the fish together to get the total number. Write an addition number sentence for your child.

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## DOMINO ADDITION

ACTIVITY  
155

**Supplies:** dominos, paper, marker

Grab a set of dominos, paper, and marker. Show your child how to count the number of dots on each side of the domino and write an addition number sentence. Do the writing if your child isn't writing numbers yet.



$$4 + 5 = 9$$

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## SUBTRACTION STICKER STORY

ACTIVITY  
156

**Supplies:** paper, sticker, markers

At the bottom of a piece of paper, write the following:  $\underline{\quad} - \underline{\quad} = \underline{\quad}$

Then give your child stickers. Show him/her how to place stickers at the top of the paper, cross a few out, and write a subtraction sentence to show what they did.

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$$3 - 2 = 1$$

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A \* means that a corresponding printable is included in this file.

# HOW TO TEACH Number Formation



## About this skill

Handwriting is an advanced preschool skill. Please wait for handwriting instruction until your child has strong motor skills and can hold a pencil correctly (or almost correctly).

The activities on the following page do not involve lined handwriting worksheets. If your child is ready (and interested!), you might consider trying the unlined pages listed on the last card. It is possible that your child will be ready for lined pages after the unlined pages I recommend, but it's perfectly fine to save handwriting practice for kindergarten.

I do recommend teaching your child about proper number formation (where to start with the pencil). This can be done using a finger or chopstick and does not require pencil and paper.

## What your learner needs to know

Preschoolers need strong muscles in the hand and the ability to hold a pencil correctly (or almost correctly).

## Beyond the basics

If your child is ready and interested, move on to simple lined handwriting pages. You might try the level 2 pages in this blog post:  
<https://www.themeasuredmom.com/writingnumbers>

## READ BOOKS ABOUT NUMBERS

ACTIVITY  
157

**Supplies:** Library books about numbers

Reserve a set of books about addition from your library. Enjoy reading the books together.

- **Museum 123**, by the Metropolitan Museum of Art
- **123 NYC**, by Joanne Dugan
- **Ten Black Dots**, by Donald Crews
- **123**, by Tom Slaughter

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## DOT IT\*

ACTIVITY  
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**Supplies:** paper and marker (or pages 109-113), do-a-dot markers

Write each number in block formation (or use the printable, p. 109-113). Show your child how to use a dot marker to dot the inside of the number.



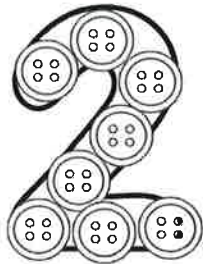
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## BUILD IT\*

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**Supplies:** paper and marker (or pages 109-113), small manipulatives

Draw each number in block formation on a piece of paper, or use the printables, p. 109-113. Have your child build each number by filling it with buttons, glass gems, etc.



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## ZOOM!\*

ACTIVITY  
160

**Supplies:** paper and marker (or printable, p. 114-123), toy cars

On each piece of paper, draw a large block number. Then draw a dotted line down the center of the number to look like a road (or print pages 114-123). Show your child how to start at the correct starting point and trace each number using a toy car.

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## FINGER TRACE IT\*

ACTIVITY  
161

**Supplies:** paper and marker (or printable, p. 124-128)

Write each number on a piece of paper with a large green dot to show the starting point (or use the printable, p. 124-128). Show your child how to trace each number with a finger in the proper formation.



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## DRAW IT IN A SALT TRAY\*

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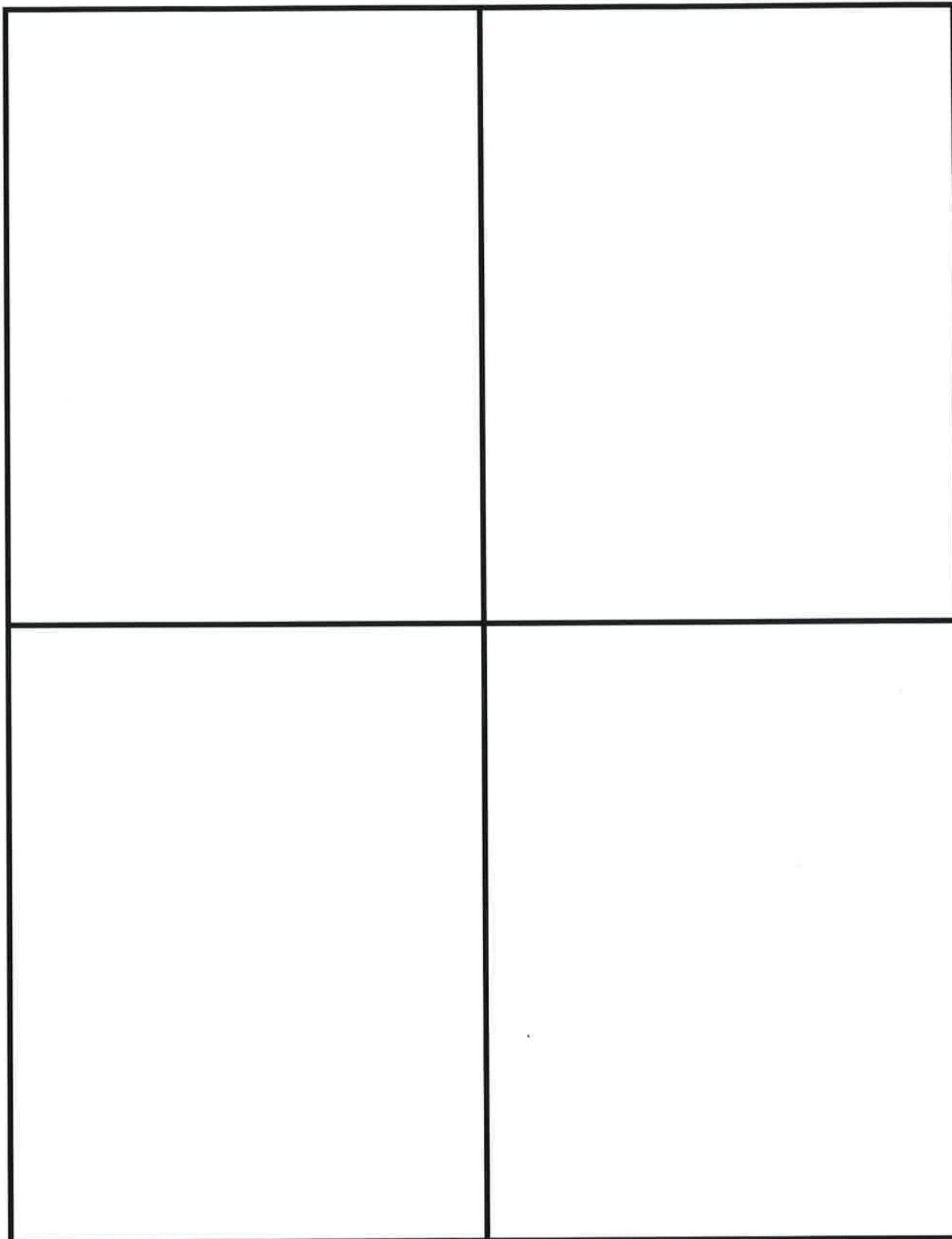
**Supplies:** index cards (or printable, p. 82-83, tray with edges, colored salt or sand)

Write the numbers 0-9 on ten index cards, or use the printable (p. 82-83). Show your child how to draw a card, name the number, and draw it in a salt tray using his/her finger. Make sure your child is using proper formation.

When your child is ready, move on to writing the numbers with a writing utensil. You can visit my blog for free number tracing worksheets (level 1): <https://www.themeasuredmom.com/writingnumbers>

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Use with Activity #28: Dotted Index Cards  
Preschool Math at Home  
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Print and cut across the dotted line on this and the following pages. Then staple at the left to make a book.

Use with Activity #35: Make a Number Book  
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# MY NUMBER BOOK

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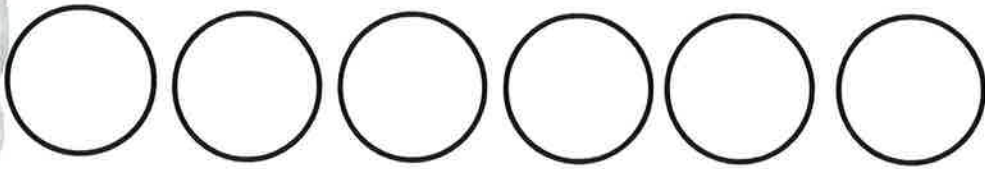
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0 1 2 3 4 5

Use with Activity #37: Counting Towers

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Rover is hungry! Get him to his food dish by drawing a number card and moving your piece that many spaces along your board. Keep going until you get to his bowl of puppy chow.

Use with Activity #39: SINGLE PLAYER GAME  
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Place the number cards here.

